

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE :

- (i) *Sub : Death of two women at Tubectomy Camp held at Konandur.*

(As Sri S. M. Sheerally Chandrasekhar was not present in the House to call the attention of Government to a matter of urgent public importance, the Deputy Speaker called upon the next speaker Sri S. Y. Patil to speak on the debate on Scarcity Conditions in the State for five minutes and at 5-15 P. M. Sri Chandrasekhar came to the House.)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon. Member Sri S. Y. Patil will resume his speech tomorrow. I will now call upon Sri Chandrasekhar to call the attention of the Minister.

Before he calls the attention of the Minister, I wish to bring to his notice that I was struggling to get him for 10.15 minutes. Let this not be repeated. A call attention notice takes up lot of time of the office and entails lot of expenditure to Government and I would therefore request him to show more courtesy to the House.

SRI S. M. SHEERNALLY CHANDRASEKHAR (Mosanagar) : Sri, I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the death of two women at the Tubectomy Camp held at Konandur.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health) :- Sri, in response to the call attention notice, I wish to make the following statement :-

Two sterilisation camps were held at the Konandur Primary Health Centre in Shimoga District—one during March 1972 and the other in August 1972. Two deaths took place during the camps, the details of which are as follows :-

On 28th March 1972, sterilisation operation was done by Dr. Shivakumar on Smt. Janamma, wife of Sri Thimmappagowda three days after she was delivered of a child. Dr. Shivakumar is a qualified and competent surgeon who has been undertaking such operation. Till 8-30 a.m. on 29th March 1972 nothing abnormal was noticed in respect of the patient who was alright. Her husband was also beside her. Later, the patient developed sudden cardio-respiratory arrest. The Surgeons on duty examined the patient and found that the pulse could not be felt and that respiration had stopped. Artificial respiration and external cardiac massage were resorted to and emergency drugs administered. There was some slight improvement. Dr. Shivakumar was called at 8-40 p.m. when

the patient was in a semi-conscious condition. In spite of all efforts and expert attendance, the patient could not be revived and she expired at 9-30 p.m. There was no negligence on the part of the doctors and the death was due to cardiac arrest and syncope.

On 11th August 1972, Dr. Puttamma conducted Tubectomy operation on one Smt. Chinnamma, wife of Sri Giryappa Megarvalli. Dr. Patil assisted in the operation. Dr. Puttamma is a competent surgeon who has conducted several tubectomy operations so far. Smt Chinnamma was operated five days after delivery. She maintained normal health till 14 August 1972 but that morning she fainted when she went to the bathroom. At about 4-30 p.m. the patient complained of pain in the right side of the chest. On detailed examination, the doctors found that it was a case of pulmonary embolism and decided to shift the case to Megann Hospital Shimoga, for further treatment. The patient was shifted the same night at 11-30 p.m. Dr. Rajashekarappa, District surgeon, examined the case and he agreed with the diagnosis already made and instituted all possible treatment necessary. In spite of the best attention, the patient died at 1 a.m. on 15th August 1972.

Thus, the two women were given all possible medical assistance and there was no negligence on the part of the doctors who conducted the operations. The deaths cannot be attributed to Tubectomy operations. Hundreds of vasectomy and tubectomy operations are conducted all over the State and in a very few cases, due to complications not connected with the operations, the patients die. Hence, it will be incorrect to arrive at any conclusion that the deaths were due to tubectomy operations. Government would like to assure that all possible precautions are taken before tubectomy operations are done and every effort will be made to see that even such rare deaths are avoided.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರನಾಥ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಟುಬೆಕ್ಟಮಿ ಆಪರೇಶನ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಫಿಟ್ನೆಸ್ ಟೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ, ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದ ವಿರಪ್ಪ.—ಕಾನೂನು ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅಥವಾ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯವಾಗಿ ಏನೇನು ಪ್ರಿಕಾಶನ್ ನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೋ ಅದನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರನಾಥ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ತಾವು ಇದು ನೆಗ್ಲಿಜೆನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಆಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ? ಮತ್ತು ಎರಡನೆಯ ಕೇಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರಿಕೊಂಡದ್ದು ಯಾವ ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದ ವಿರಪ್ಪ.—ನನಗೆ ಅದು ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. It must be either on the way or Shimoga.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರನಾಥ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಡಿಜೈಲ್ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ತರಿಸಿದ್ದು ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಎನ್‌ಕ್ಯಾಯರಿ ನಡೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದ ವಿರಪ್ಪ.—ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ವರ್ತಮಾನ ಬಂದಕೂಡಲೆ ಡಿಜೈಲ್ ಎನ್‌ಕ್ಯಾಯರಿ ಮಾಡಿ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ತರಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ.